

NEW DINING HALL AND DORMITORY FOR COLLEGE ANNOUNCED BY AUSTIN

Missouri Woman Will Erect Two Buildings
Near Campus; Complete in Time to
Take Care of Students in
September

DIPLOMAS DELIVERED TO LARGEST CLASS

Miss Frey Receives First B. S. Degree;
A. B. for Miss Kimbro; Dr. Phelan
and Supt. Wilson Speakers
of Occasion

Climaxing the commencement exercises of the Oklahoma College for Women Friday evening, came the announcement from President Austin that Mrs. P. K. Higgins, of Liberty, Mo., will begin at once the erection of a dining hall with a capacity for 100 students and another building with room for 50 students, the same to be completed and ready for occupancy by the opening of the next term of school in September.

This surprise was sprung by Mr. Austin in the form of a telegram from Mrs. Higgins authorizing him to make the announcement to the students. The message which was read to the audience, followed some correspondence which Mr. Austin had carried on with the Missouri woman in which the latter was given data concerning the college situation here. Mrs. Higgins, it was stated by Mr. Austin, already owns some land close to the college campus. She stated that she expected to arrive here within a few days to get the construction of the buildings under way. Details concerning her plans are not known at this time.

In announcing the good news, which was greeted with applause by the audience and student body, President Austin spoke in glowing terms of the prospects for the school next year. Previously State Supt. Wilson had predicted the enrollment would run up to 700 or more if that number of students can be accommodated. "Last summer the citizens of Chickasha gave us about \$750 for advertising and this summer we are going to be put on another advertising campaign," said the president. "I believe that \$750 brought at least \$25,000 to Chickasha. It is the only way to play the game and we are going to keep at it and we hope to again receive the hearty support of the citizens of Chickasha."

Graduating Exercises.
With the auditorium crowded with students and friends of the school, including many visitors who had come from other parts of the state, with a few also from Texas, the closing exercises of the most successful year in the history of the O. C. W. were begun as the graduates entered while the students sang the college song. The program proper was begun when a chorus composed of students sang two songs which made a most pleasing impression. A piano duet, "Overture to Tannhauser," by Misses Wagner and Woodard, followed, and then President Austin introduced Dr. W. W. Phelan, of Oklahoma university, who delivered the address to the class.

Dr. Phelan chose as his subject, "The Making of the Flag." At the outset he said that those who work are the makers of the flag which represents the ideals of the people, following which he dealt at some length with the ideals of democracy. A large part of the address was devoted to historical matters pertaining to the development of democratic government in America. "Democracy in America," declared the speaker, stands for liberty, fraternity and equality. In dealing with the latter point, Dr. Phelan placed emphasis upon equal rights for women both in the educational and the political field.

Great Adventure.
"The quest of America for liberty, fraternity and equality is a great adventure. The greatest adventure for liberty ever made was that of the thirteen American colonies." The sources of power in the American democracy, the speaker said, were the new education, such as was being given in the College for Women, the new efficien-

cy and the "patriotism of preparedness" as illustrated by the policies of President Wilson, who advocated national defense but not militarism. In conclusion, after explaining the significance of the colors in the flag, declaring that the Stars and Stripes stood for all the high ideals of American democracy, the speaker said to the graduates, "Remember, young ladies, when you look upon that flag that the United States is marching by."

At the conclusion of the address a quartet composed of Misses Tuggle, Wilson, Pearce and Frankfield sang "Springtime," (Donizetti).

Wilson Presents Diplomas.
President Austin presented State Supt. Wilson who, after making a few felicitous remarks, delivered the diplomas and certificates to the graduates. Mr. Wilson praised the work of President Austin and his faculty as well as that of the students. "The state board of education has never heard a single complaint concerning this school during the past two years," said he. "I am proud of the record that has been made here and proud of the work of these young ladies. In behalf of the state of Oklahoma I am glad indeed to present these diplomas which have been well earned."

Mr. Wilson's talk was entirely impromptu and informal and was punctuated with plentiful applause from the audience. (Continued on Page Four.)

FIREMEN TO MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

Fire Chief Gattis, and Fireman Kenneth Wimpia have returned from the State Firemen's meeting at Cushing. The chief reports having had a pleasant time at the meeting and is particularly well pleased on account of having secured the 1917 meeting for Chickasha.

Chief Gattis was chosen, at the election of officers, to serve the state association for the ensuing year as first vice president. Chief Davis, of the Pawhuska fire department, was elected president.

When the matter of selecting the place for holding the 1917 meeting came up there were a number of cities asking for the honor. Ardmore, Newkirk, Drumright and several other cities asked, through their representatives, for the convention. However, when Chief Gattis arose and stated that Chickasha wanted to entertain the boys, all others dropped out and the selection of Chickasha was made by a unanimous vote. Chief Gattis' invitation was supplemented by a wire from Mayor Coffman, addressed to the convention, extending the courtesies of the city to the firemen.

Of the four hundred delegates, fire chiefs and firemen present, Chief Gattis stated this morning, all said that Chickasha was known as one of the best cities in the state. The delegates, Chief Gattis said, as soon as Chickasha was mentioned as wanting the convention, all said "Let's go to Chickasha in 1917 and see that bunch of fire fighters."

The 1917 firemen's convention will meet during the latter part of May and will be in session three days.

GUNS CAPTURED FROM THE VILLISTAS



Machine guns and rifles taken by United States troops in a recent encounter with a band of Villa's bandits.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Sunday, fair;
continued warm.

Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8
a. m. today:
Maximum, 88; minimum, 70.

U. S. BASE DEFENSES STRONGER

By United Press.
Columbus, N. M., May 27.—The defenses of the American bases at Colonia and Dublin are being strengthened, according to advices received here.
It is not known whether this action is being taken on account of the reinforcement of the Carranzistas in those localities.

Won't Talk Withdrawal.
By United Press.

Washington, May 27.—It is learned that Gen. Funston instructed Gen. Pershing not to discuss withdrawal of the troops in his coming conference with Gen. Gaviro.

Was Bad Bandit.
By United Press.

Headquarters near Nampiqui, Mexico, May 27.—A proclamation that was found in the pocket of Cervantes, the Villista who was killed in a clash with the American troops Thursday, substantiated the declaration of Gen. Pershing that one of the worst of the bandits had been disposed of.

The proclamation was addressed to the Carranzista army, exhorting them to rise against the American invaders. It was couched in the most bitter language.

WAITE CASE CONCLUDED

By United Press.
New York, May 27.—Following the closing arguments for the defendant and the final summing up and closing by the prosecution, the Waite case went to the jury at 1:23 this afternoon. Assistant District Attorney Brothers, in his address to the jury demanded the death penalty, while the attorneys for the prisoner begged that Waite be sent to Matteawan as a born criminal.

Although Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, state alienist, declared Waite is now sane and that he was sane at the time he poisoned Peck, his father-in-law, the nonchalant demeanor of the prisoner during the trial has evidently impressed the jury with a doubt as to his sanity.

NO TICK IN GRADY COUNTY.

Hugh Hale, of Rush Springs, is a Chickasha business visitor today. Mr. Hale is inspector for this county of cattle in the tick eradication matter. Mr. Hale has just returned from a trip to Comert where he inspected the cattle in the large quarantine pasture. He reports the cattle in that pasture free from all signs of the Texas fever and the tick. This leaves Grady county, Mr. Hale says, absolutely free of both the fever and the tick.

PATRIOTIC GLORIOUS IS PLANNED

Gay Demonstration on Nation's Natal Day
with Week of Festivities; Improve-
ment of Boulevard Part
of Scheme

GOVERNOR WILLIAMS IS INVITED TO SPEAK

Supt. Wilson Also Asked to Give Address;
Schwartz Making Arrangements
Following Favorable Action
by City Council

A patriotic celebration, with a civic purpose back of it, is what is proposed as the program for the fourth of July in Chickasha by Harry Schwartz who, with the co-operation of the merchants in the city is making plans for the occasion, following favorable action on the proposition by the city council.

Beginning with a big demonstration on the Fourth, which comes on Tuesday, it is proposed to devote all the remainder of the week to festivities, including carnival attractions and using part of the net proceeds from the same to improve the boulevard. Plans are incomplete at present but will be ready for announcement within a few days. They will include a number of free attractions that will be calculated to draw great crowds to the city.

In speaking of the proposed improvements to be made on the boulevard with the city's fifty per cent, Mr. Schwartz said this morning that approximately \$500 would be required to put in two culverts needed and to connect the gutters so the overflow would trend into the city sewers, and to install the required number of reinforced lighting poles, 43 in all, and to connect and string the electric wires to those poles and installing the lights of the latest kind.

One of the attractions of the carnival will be the entertainment on the fourth of July. On this date, in addition to the amusement features prominent speakers will be present who will address the crowds assembled on all the five issues of the day. Mr. Schwartz has written Governor Williams and State Superintendent Wilson, as well as several other prominent men in an effort to have them arrange speaking dates in Chickasha on the fourth.

Mr. Schwartz is also in correspondence with the Parker attractions and the Wortham shows and will close a date with one of those attractions for the week.

It was stated this morning that not only the members of the city council, the officers of the city, but very many of the patriotic citizens of the city, who feel a deep interest in the Oklahoma College for Women, will join hands in heartily urging this matter along.

GT. BRITAIN TO COMPLY

By United Press.
Washington, May 27.—The administration expects an early and satisfactory response to its protest to England against the seizure of mail.

The state department intimated today that advance discussions with Ambassador Spring-Rice indicate that England intends to comply with the request of the United States.

CROPS GOOD AT VERDEN.

John Osborne, a representative citizen and land owner of Verden, was in the city this morning on business with several of the county officials. Mr. Osborne said, while here, that farming conditions were well up to the average in the territory about Verden. Alfalfa, the gentleman said, is in best possible shape, the second crop coming out fine following the first cutting which is now practically complete.

SOLDIERS TUNNELING INTO A MOUNTAIN



This photograph gives one a vivid idea of how for five months the Italians commanded by the younger Garibaldi, of the Alpine command, tunneled into three sides of the Col di Lana in the Dolomite Alps and blew the summit of the mountain, garrisoned by Austrian Jaegers, completely off with tons of powerful explosives. Like the Italians, the British soldiers seen here, are tunneling their way into a mountain "somewhere in the fighting zone." Note the heavy steel girders used in supporting the overhead weight.

NECESSITY FOR SCHOOL LEVY SHOWN BY RAMEY

Supt. Ramey furnishes the Express the following statement:

The board of education of the Chickasha city schools has been compelled to call an election to vote an extra levy of one mill in addition to the five mills allowed as the limit to boards of education for the maintenance of the schools. This comes about because enough money to run the schools cannot be derived on the basis of a five mills levy. This is the amount called for and voted by a large majority one year ago. At that time one mill was voted and only seven-tenths of the mill was used after the exact valuation of the district had been determined.

Because of the fact that the board must make out the annual budget in May before the valuation of the taxable property of the district has been estimated it becomes necessary to ask for a safe margin at this time. After the valuation has been ascertained it may be possible to get along with less than one mill. The people of the district may rest assured that a businesslike economy will be exercised by the board. At present they can only take the valuation of the last year. The election cannot be legally called later and it is not safe to take a chance on an increase in valuation over last year. The inevitable result without the levy would be a term of school short of nine months.

MARCH TO MEET T. R.

By United Press.
New York, May 27.—Fifteen hundred Roosevelt supporters marched three miles through the deep dust this afternoon to Sagamore Hill, the Oyster Bay residence of Col. Roosevelt, to assure him of their support.

It is expected that the keynote of the Progressives will be sounded in an address which Col. Roosevelt will deliver to this band of his admirers this afternoon.

**ABSTRACTS IN CRIMINAL
CASES ARE FILED TODAY.**

Abstracts from justices' courts were filed in the district court this morning in two criminal cases wherein the defendants have been held to the higher court to answer for the offenses with which they are charged. One case is that of the State vs. Shorty Fletcher, negro, charged with assault to kill committed upon the person of a negro woman; the other case is that of the State vs. "Grover" Cleveland, charged with wholesale horse theft. Both defendants will probably be tried at the next regular term of district court.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Sheriff Bailey last night arrested A. C. Boswell of Chickasha. The arrest was made following the receipt of a phone call from Oklahoma City officers, stating that Boswell was wanted in the city on forgery charges. The prisoner is now in the Grady county jail awaiting the coming of officers from the city.

RUMOR OF PEACE DOVE IS REVIVED

American Ambassador is Quoted as Predicting Early Move Toward Cessation of Hostilities; Paris Reports Further Success at Verdun

FAMOUS GENERAL OF FRANCE SUCCUMBS

Gallieni, Hero of Two Wars, Passes Away Following Operation; Saved Capital When German Hordes Threatened at Gates

By United Press.
Copenhagen, May 27.—A correspondent of the Munich Zeitung, purporting to have interviewed Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, said the latter believed that peace proposals would assume a definite shape within a few months or perhaps within a few weeks.

French Claim Success.
By United Press.

Paris, May 27.—The French recaptured a large part of the village of Cumieres from the Germans, not only retaining the eastern section but also several trenches to the northwest, after making desperate counter attacks, it was stated by the war office today.

Famous Fighter Dead.
By United Press.

Paris, May 27.—General Gallieni, the famous French warrior, veteran of the Franco-Prussian war and one of the most brilliant members of the present French general staff, is dead. He died at Versailles following a kidney operation.

Gallieni until recently was war minister but resigned on account of ill health. It was Gen. Gallieni who saved Paris with a tactical army when Gen. Von Kluck's German hordes reached the very suburbs of the city soon after the outbreak of the war. He sent Tunisian zouaves racing to the outskirts of the city in taxicabs and milk wagons, turning the tide against the Germans in the battle of the Marne.

German Statement.
By United Press.

Berlin, May 27.—It is officially announced that the French have again been repelled after having penetrated Cumieres village, northwest of Verdun. The repulse came after a season of furious fighting in which the Germans captured 63 prisoners.

2 OUT ON BONDS FOR LOITERING

Three young men about town were gathered into the bosom of the police when Chief Phillips and Officer Boles started out on a little round-up last night. The chief had a hunch that there might be something doing behind some closed doors in a certain room upstairs in a certain building on Chickasha avenue near that end of the avenue which sprouts from the Rock Island right of way. Quietly the chief and the accompanying officer tiptoed up the iron stairway and turned the door's knob preparatory to entering the room where it was thought the sleeping tiger dozed. The knob turned but the door responded not, hence it was that the officers were forced to rap long and loud with the butt ends of their night sticks, before obtaining admission.

When the admission was gained the tiger, if one had been in the room, had quietly sneaked off and hidden himself in his cage in some unknown sequestered spot. Three young men, however, were sitting at ease in the room. Not being able to satisfactorily explain what they were doing the chief took them to the station where charges of "loitering" were lodged against them. The defendants were then released on cash bonds in the sum of \$10 each for their appearance in court at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

PERISH IN BLAZING BUILDING

By United Press.
Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 27.—Robert Williams, business manager of the Penn college, Henry Oakley, aged twenty-two, a student in the freshman class, were killed today in a fire, caused by the explosion of forty gallons of alcohol which destroyed the administration building.

The fire was a spectacular one with many narrow escapes when a bell weighing one ton crashed from the tower causing the walls to fall. Two were injured by the falling walls which panned in four of the college force who were trying to recover a safe containing funds of the college. The loss to the college will reach \$75,000.

BANKERS ACQUITTED

By United Press.
Washington, May 27.—Charles Glover, president of the Riggs National bank, and Henry and William Flather, officials of that institution, were acquitted in the district supreme court this morning of perjury charges growing out of the famous controversy of that bank. The jury was out nine minutes.